

Child Care Protocol When Child/Staff Tests Positive for COVID-19

The purpose of this document is to help child care centre and parents/guardians understand:

- *What will public health do if a child/staff tests positive for COVID-19?*
- *What will the child care centre do if a child/staff test positive for COVID-19?*

It also answers the following questions:

- *What type of information will the child care centre be asked to provide if staff/child tests positive?*
- *What type of information will public health provide the child care centre if staff/child tests positive?*
- *Which information sheet should be provided to parents/guardians?*

Child Care Centre Protocol When Child/Staff Tests Positive for COVID-19

Child or staff tests positive for COVID-19

WDGPH contacts the staff, child's parent/guardian to conduct a risk assessment

Child Care operator will receive notification from WDGPH

Child care provides cohort lists for children/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 **(as soon as possible)**

Information needed may include:

- Class/cohort lists
- Attendance records
- Updated contact info for children/staff
- Records of essential visitors/sign-in or visitor logs

WDGPH will perform risk assessment to identify **high-risk** and **low-risk** contacts from the child care setting

Child Care will send ***Child Care Centre Case Information Sheet*** home to all parents/guardians/staff

WDGPH will inform operator of which children/staff are high-risk contacts (HRC) (e.g. class cohort); Note: class may be dismissed if in-progress during the day

- 1) Child Care Centre will send ***WDGPH HRC letter to those identified by WDGPH as HRC*** to provide guidance on self-isolation and testing recommendations
- 2) WDGPH will provide child care with recommendations for infection prevention and control measures (if applicable)

High-risk contacts must follow the guidance from Public Health for testing, isolation, return to child care guidance, and direction for household members.
*Refer to ***flow chart for high-risk Contacts***.

Note: Personal health information may be disclosed to child care centres only for contact tracing. Child care centres have an obligation to protect the personal information of their children. Centres are not to disclose the identity of the case. The identity of the case should not be disclosed publicly to parents, or to other children unless deemed necessary by public health or given permission to do so by the case or their guardian.